

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KHARTO 02766 211358Z

13

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 EB-07 OMB-01 AID-05 /078 W

----- 118701

R 211233Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2594

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2766

E.O. GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT SU

SUBJECT: LATEST ROUND OF TRIALS ENDING

REFS: A(A) KHARTOUM 2534 (B) KHARTOUM 2749

1. REF A REPORTED THAT NEW ROUND OF TRIALS WOULD BEGIN AUGUST 28 INCLUDING TRIAL IN ABSENTIA OF SADIQ AL-MAHDI AND OTHER JULY COUP ATTEMPT LEADERS. THESE TRIALS ARE NOW JUST ABOUT COMPLETED AFTER BEING CONDUCTED AT A SOMEWHAT LIESURELY PACE OVER MOST OF THE PAST MONTH. TRIALS WERE GIVEN PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE, BUT GENERAL TONE WAS SUBDUED COMPARED TO FIRST SET OF SECURITY TRIALS WHICH RESULTED IN LARGE NUMBER OF EXECUTIONS.

2. VERDICTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING EID AL-FITR HOLIDAY. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOUR DEFENDANTS IN THE OMDURMAN SECURITY TRIAL WERE EXECUTED. OTHERS RECEIVED SENTENCES OF 10-14 YEARS IN JAIL. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ADDITIONAL EXECUTIONS WILL FOLLOW. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT EXECUTIONS WILL BE PUBLICIZED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KHARTO 02766 211358Z

3. MOST INTERESTING FEATURE OF TRIALS HAS BEEN

TESTIMONY IN SADIQ AL-MAHDI TRIAL OF HIS COUSIN AHMAD AL-MAHDI. IN GENERAL AHMAD AL-MAHDI TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF NIMEIRI REGIME AND AGX NST SADDIQ. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS I NO WAY CONNECTED WITH SADDIQ'S TREASONOUS ADVENTURES, AND THAT HE COMPLETELY DISAGREED WITH THOSE WHO MOUNTED COUP. IN PAST FEW DAYS AHMAD HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL, AND AT ABOUT SAME TIME A LONG LETTER PRAISING REGIME APPEARED IN ONE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

4. COMMENT: NIMEIRI HAS RATHER CLEVERLY CAPITALIZED ON LONG STANDING RELIGIOUS AND OTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SADDIQ AND AHMAD IN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE UMMA PARTY GROUP. SIMILARLY, DESPITE INVOLVEMENT OF NATIONAL UNION PARTY (NUP) ELEMENTS IN COUP, NIMEIRI RECEIVED NUP (I.E., KHATMIA) RELIGIOUS LEADERS WITH CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY DURING SADDIQ TRIAL. IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT NIMEIRI IS ATTEMPTING TO ISOLATE SADDIQ WING OF UMMA FROM ITS OWN ERSTWHILE ALLIES, AND HE IS USING CLASSIC DIVIDE-AND-CONQUER TECHNIQUES. MOREEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS, IN FACT, HAD SOME SUCCESS AS IT BECOMES EVIDENT THAT IN TERMS OF JULY COUP ATTEMPT, AT LEAST, NIMEIRI WAS CLEAR WINNER AND SADDIQ AL-MAHDI THE LOSER.
BOGOSIAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, TRIALS, TERRORISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976KHARTO02766
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760357-0533
From: KHARTOUM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760938/aaaabgeu.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 KHARTOUM 2534, 76 KHARTOUM 2749
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <06 OCT 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LATEST ROUND OF TRIALS ENDING
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SU, (AL-MAHDI, SADIQ)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006